

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 7, 17, 18 and 24 have been amended and new claims 25 and 26 are added. Claims 1-14, 17-18 and 20-26 are pending and under consideration.

It is noted that an interview was conducted between the Examiner and the Applicants' representative on November 16, 2006. The Examiner is thanked for his time.

As discussed in the interview, independent claim 1 recites displaying a number of the major channel separately from the corresponding minor channel numbers. Present Fig. 3 illustrates an example of this feature, i.e., channels 2, 2-1, and 2-2. In contrast, Eyer discloses channels 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, which fails to disclose channel 10 without a decimal. It is noted that in table 2 of Eyer, the major channel is 10 and the corresponding minor channels are 110, 111, 112, 113. Thus, the minor channels lack the "root" 10.

In the interview, the Examiner acknowledged these differences and recommended amending the claims to further clarify these differences. The claims are thus amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. New claim 25 is also added based on the interview.

The remaining references do not overcome this deficiency in Eyer, and are not relied upon to do so.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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